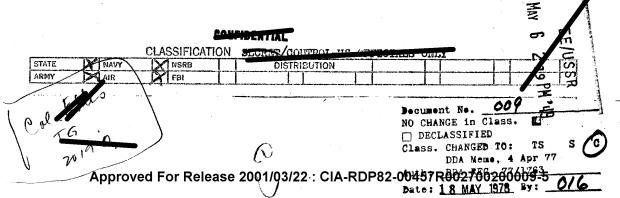
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- The purpose of the Apsheronsk Krasnodar road was to connect Krasnodar with the cil fields of Apsheronsk (also known as Apsheronskaya) and Neftegorsk. The road was already cut and work had been in progress for some time when informant was sent to work on it.
- 2. Three thousand persons were employed during that time for the construction of this road. All of them had been released from various prisons.
- 3. The road passed through mountainous and wooded regions, and was to have a total length of 120 kilometers.
- 4. The road was built in order to facilitate the transport of foodstuffs to the cil fields of Apsheronsk and Neftegorsk, which previously had been transported by rail via Armavir (total length of the railroad line exceeded 300 kilometers).
- 5. During construction, the road often touched the underground oil pipes which conducted oil from the oil fields of Chantiserkeya (sie), Apsheronsk, and Neftegorsk to Krasnodar. The oil pipes were above ground at several points. However, on one occasion they were placed underground at a depth of 0.50 m. They had a diameter of approximately 0.30 m.
- 6. At a certain point of the road under construction, about 45 kilometers west of the railroad station of Khadizhinskaya, there was a small lake with potable water. The lake was 150 meters long, 80 meters wide, and 60 to 70 meters deep. Its water was conveyed through canals (dug by the same workmen who were constructing the road) to the surrounding district. The water which came from underground was conducted by underground pipes to the neighborhood, thus properly draining the lake.
- 7. It was widely rumored among the workmen that the lake was being drained in order to convert its bed into subtorranean storage place for fuel, to be used during the war.



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- 8.
 The construction of the road had reached from Apsheronsk to a point 25 kilometers from Krasnodar by the time he left.
- 9. This highway is a two-way road. The roadbed is strong; it is surfaced with crushed stone pressed by rollers.

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